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SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. SUMMARY. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, WE RAISED SUBJECT WITH FRG EMBASSY. WE WERE INFORMED FRG AMBASSADOR MADE DEMARCHE TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ITALIANER MORNING OF AUGUST 22 AS FOLLOW UP TO DETAILED BRIEFING PROVIDED BY FRG FOR MIN GENSCHER TO GON FOR MIN VAN DER KLAAUW AUGUST 12 IN ROME WHERE BOTH WERE ATTENDING POPE PAUL'S FUNERAL CEREMONY. ITALIANER SAID DUTCH CONSIDERED BONN DECLARATION EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, WELCOMED FRG BRIEFING, AND WOULD STUDY SUCH INFORMATION AS HAD BEEN PROVIDED AS BASIS FOR DETERMINING DUTCH POSITION AND POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR BONN DECLARATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY, A GENERAL WORLD-WIDE CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION TO BRIEF DUTCH AND OTHERS WAS RECEIVED AUGUST 18. A SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE FROM BONN CANCELLED THE FIRST MESSAGE FOR THE NETHERLANDS, NOTED GON SHOULD BE BRIEFED
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AS MEMBER OF EC, AND STATED THAT FOR MIN GENSCHER HAD ALREADY HAD LONG AND DETAILED DISCUSSION IN ROME WITH FOR MIN VAN DER KLAAUW ON AUGUST 12 ABOUT BONN DECLARATION. HOWEVER, FRG EMBASSY SAID (AS IS NOT UNUSUAL) IT HAD RECEIVED VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON WHAT GENSCHER MAY HAVE SAID TO VAN DER KLAAUW. THEREFORE FRG AMBASSADOR GAVE A SUMMARY BRIEFING TO SECRETARY GENERAL ITALIANER

WHO INDICATED DUTCH WOULD STUDY THE INFORMATION AS BASIS FOR REACHING A DECISION ON DUTCH POSITION AND POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR BONN DECLARATION.

3. DURING OUR CALL TO PRESENT EMBASSY'S NEW CIVIL AIR OFFICER REICHENBACH, MFA TRANSPORT ADVISERS NIEUWENHUIJSEN AND DE MEESTER TOLD US AUGUST 23 THAT GON WILL STUDY SUCH INFORMATION AS FRG HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEY YET HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO RESOLVE SOME OF THEIR MAJOR CONCERNS BUT WILL AWAIT RECEIVING MORE SPECIFICS OF TYPE THAT ARE EXPECTED TO COME OUT OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE SEVEN'S TECHNICAL EXPERTS. THE DUTCH, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE STILL VERY INTERESTED AS TO WHAT WILL BE SAID ABOUT APPLICATION OF BONN DECLARATION IN SPECIFIC INCIDENT WHICH WOULD SET ASIDE OR TERMINATE THE PROVISIONS OF VALID BILATERAL CIVIL AIR AGREEMENTS SUCH AS TWELVE MONTHS NOTICE. THEY ALSO CITED RECENTLY CONCLUDED U.S.-ISRAEL BILATERAL (OF WHICH THEY ALREADY HAD A COPY) WHICH HAS SPECIAL PROVISION FOR HIJACKING. THEY THOUGHT THIS WOULD ALSO BE A PERTINENT SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE SHORTLY UP-COMING WORKING LEVEL AND SEPTEMBER 25 FORMAL NEGOTIATION REGARDING NEW U.S.-GON BILATERAL.

4. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THE DUTCH ARE JUST AS INTERESTED AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN LEADING THE ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP
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TOWARD ACHIEVING A WORKABLE ANTI-HIJACKING FORMULA AND PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE GOING TO NEED MORE SPECIFIC ANSWERS ON APPLICATION OF BONN DECLARATION BEFORE THEY CAN ACCEPT IT IN LIGHT OF THEIR OUTSTANDING BILATERALS. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE US FOR BRIEFING DUTCH HERE. WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES AS PART OF OUR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH DUTCH FIRST IN WORKING GROUP AS REQUESTED BY GON FOR END OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND THEN IN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 IN WASHINGTON (OR IN THE HAGUE AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY GON).
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